GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SUGGESTIONS OF CITES ON PROTECTION OF INDIAN TIGERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) has requested the Union Government for saving the endangered Indian tigers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir.The Secretary General of CITES, while acknowledging the positive initiatives taken by India, has expressed concern over wildlife law enforcement and the disturbing reports regarding tiger in the country. The CITES has offered assistance in coordinating the support from governments and non-governmental organizations around the world.

(c) A meeting of the CITES Enforcement Task Force has been convened in New Delhi from 17- 19 May 2005, to give special focus to the illicit trade in skins of Asian big cat species. Representatives from the CITES Secretariat, India, Nepal and China have been requested to participate in the said meeting.